

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**October 9th, 2017**

Attendees: Mayor Oswalt, Councilmember Williams, Councilmember Hoover, Councilmember Sowell, Police Chief Colwell, Community Services Director Eddie Robinson, City Clerk Eric Beckman, Finance Director Tonya Tripp City Attorney, Beverly Wilson, Eleanor Gilbert and the City Manager Chris Leighty

### **5:30 PM Special called Public Hearing:**

Jared Lombard of the Atlanta Regional Commission was present and spoke about the City of Lake City's Five Year Comprehensive Plan. The Public participated in several exercises that would prioritize the importance of different community issues.

### **6:00 PM Work Session:**

Called to order by Mayor Oswalt at 6:00 PM

City Clerk briefed the council on the proposal from Clayton County to conduct future City of Lake City elections. The Mayor stated that Billy Williams was still running our polls. The City Attorney spoke of the cost of doing an election correctly and the importance of public trust.

The City Manager discussed the three health insurance plans for the City employees. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the insurance plans. Councilmember McDuffie made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Hoover. The item passed unanimously.

The Finance Director briefed the Council on Property Tax Billing. The city was expecting a Tax Levy of \$609,000.00 of which \$400,000.00 was budgeted for the General Fund. The Finance Director also briefed the Council that the City's millage rate would remain at 7.5 millage.

The City Manager presented the request for employee Longevity Pay Checks to be presented at the employee luncheon. Councilmember Hoover made a motion to pay the employees their longevity pay checks at the employee luncheon in December. It was seconded by Councilmember McDuffie and passed unanimously. The City Manager asked the Mayor and Council to reduce the amount of the Longevity Pay for Part-time employees to a maximum of \$250.00 for 2018. The Mayor asked for a motion to cap the part-time employee's longevity pay at \$200.00. Councilmember Sowell made the motion to cap the amount to be paid to part time employees at \$200.00. There was no second and the motion did not pass.

The Mayor and Council received an update pertaining to the Clayton County Municipal Association Christmas Dinner. The meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the Lake City Community Center.

Eddie Robinson gave an update on sidewalk projects in the city.

**Adjournment:** 6: 45 PM

**7:00 PM City Council Session:**

**Call to order:**

Mayor Oswalt called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 PM

**Invocation:**

Mayor Oswalt asked Councilmember Hoover to say the invocation but she asked that another Councilmember perform the invocation. This is included in the minutes at the direction of Mayor Oswalt. Councilmember McDuffie gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sowell and seconded by Councilmember Hoover with a unanimous vote of yes to approve the minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 council meeting. There was no council meeting in September because of Hurricane Irma.

**New Business:**

Resolution for 2017 Millage Rate. Mayor Oswalt asked for a motion to accept. The motion was made by Councilmember Sowell seconded by Councilmember Hoover and passed unanimously.

During public comments resident Bobbi Hamilton thanked the Mayor and Council for the digital sign board. She stated it looked really good. She was also thankful for the house being torn down on Rex Road. She stated she sees the Police Officers patrolling her neighborhood all the time and would like to recognize them as well.

**Old Business: N/A**

**Police Report:** Chief Colwell

**7:15 PM Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilmember McDuffie and seconded by Councilmember Sowell with a unanimous vote of yes to adjourn.